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Facilitated Listening Session

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1 SPEAKER: Okay. And my name is Fran
2 Wescott and I'm a facilitator with today's
3 listening session.

4 SPEAKER: George Alwin [phonetic],
5 facilitator for September 25th. Okay. We combined
6 rooms. She likes to write, I like to facilitate.
7 You like to facilitate, but prefer writing better.

8 SPEAKER: Okay.

9 SPEAKER: Let's take a -- you already
10 heard the instructions of what we're going to be
11 doing today. We'll be covering a number of topics,
12 seeking your input. I'd like to go around and just
13 ask folks to introduce themselves.

14 SPEAKER: Yes, I'm George Petropoulos.

15 SPEAKER: Good name.

16 SPEAKER: Thanks. Okay.

17 SPEAKER: I'm Banny Jerry.

18 SPEAKER: Do you want to say where you
19 live or just your name?

20 SPEAKER: I live in the -- on Ridge Road.

21 SPEAKER: I'm the first house off of The
22 Beltline at Ridge.

23 SPEAKER: Dan Sears.

24 SPEAKER: You don't have to say where you
25 live. Go ahead.

1 SPEAKER: Dan Sears, Swan Drive.

2 SPEAKER: Chung Jin, Corbin Street. This
3 is my wife, Mi Kim.

4 SPEAKER: My name is Mi Kim and we are a
5 couple.

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: Nancy Simpson, Dade.

8 SPEAKER: Raleigh Simpson, Dade.

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: Bill Gilmore, one of the
11 engineers.

12 SPEAKER: One of the engineers?

13 SPEAKER: [Inaudible] fields.

14 SPEAKER: All right.

15 SPEAKER: Francisco Challes [phonetic],
16 assisting George Alwin, the facilitator.

17 SPEAKER: Artis Watkins, I live on
18 Blenheim.

19 SPEAKER: All right.

20 SPEAKER: Nancy MacLain, Lubbock.

21 SPEAKER: All right.

22 SPEAKER: Shane Sharp, I'm one of the
23 consultants.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. Welcome and thanks for
25 your commitment to come out tonight as we can work

1 through this process of listening to find out what
2 you think about what's going on. I think as you
3 heard, we as facilitators know little about this --
4 if anything, about this project. We're involved
5 and asked not to know too much about it so we can
6 spend most of our time listening to what is going
7 on.

8 We have six questions we're going to --
9 the first -- going through. The first one is going
10 to be a warm up. The next five are more technical
11 questions that we want to get your input. We have
12 a couple of ground rules. We'd like you to listen.
13 Shh. Thank you.

14 SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. That's all right. We'd
16 like you to listen, and more importantly, listen to
17 one another. Same thing I guess, but listen to one
18 another is what we would like you to do. I haven't
19 done it yet. Switch off your phones, please, or
20 just put them on vibrate so that we can show
21 respect to other people.

22 Consider the different opinions that
23 people are saying, that's really what we'd like to
24 do. One at a time, we will manage that. And be
25 concise. We know there's a lot of feelings here.

1 You can only -- she can only write at a certain
2 speed. We're going to try to capture as much as we
3 can, however, most will be on here. And I think
4 that's about it.

5 So I'd like to start off with, as you
6 think of this project -- our first question, to be
7 proper, I should read exactly as it is so that we
8 are all on the same page. With one word -- one
9 word describe what is the most important thing to
10 you, your household or your business, that must be
11 considered as this project moves forward? In one
12 word, what can you sum up that indicates the most
13 important thing to you, from either a home
14 perspective or a business perspective, that must be
15 considered as this project moves forward?

16 There are index cards. If you want, you
17 can just jot something down, for those of you who
18 feel more comfortable. If you're ready, let us
19 start. Who would like to break the ice with this
20 icebreaker?

21 SPEAKER: Traffic.

22 SPEAKER: Traffic. Good. Thank you.

23 Next? Who would like to go?

24 SPEAKER: Buffer.

25 SPEAKER: Buffer. Meaning?

1 SPEAKER: A buffer from the -- from the
2 Beltline.

3 SPEAKER: Okay.

4 SPEAKER: Not losing trees, or whatever.

5 SPEAKER: Okay.

6 SPEAKER: Safety.

7 SPEAKER: Safety. We have a whole
8 question on safety, but that's the value word for
9 you. Who else would like to go?

10 SPEAKER: A tree canopy.

11 SPEAKER: A tree canopy. Okay.

12 SPEAKER: Preserving that.

13 SPEAKER: Yes.

14 SPEAKER: Rush hour. It's related to
15 traffic, but it --

16 SPEAKER: Right. Rush hour. That's an
17 important thing for you. In the back? Are you in
18 the -- are you with the engineer firm?

19 SPEAKER: No. I had some -- well, it's
20 two words though --

21 SPEAKER: That's okay.

22 SPEAKER: We'll cheat.

23 SPEAKER: I just wanted to say,
24 undeveloped land.

25 SPEAKER: Okay. And sir? Are you with

1 the firm?

2 SPEAKER: I'm an engineer.

3 SPEAKER: You're an engineer. Okay.

4 Good. And did you have an additional one?

5 SPEAKER: Safety. The residents of the
6 safety. Yeah.

7 SPEAKER: Okay. All right. So we're
8 looking at traffic, buffers for sound, safety's
9 coming up twice, a tree canopy, to protect that,
10 what do we do with rush hour, and what do we do --
11 or how do --

12 SPEAKER: Could I modify mine? I really
13 -- undeveloped land -- I need to be specific. I'm
14 talking about the Coggins Farm.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. Does everyone know what
16 the Coggins Farm is? No? Can you do that in a
17 sentence or two?

18 SPEAKER: Well, it's a huge part of
19 Raleigh's history. The former mayor of the town's
20 land, who gave a lot of land to the city as well.
21 And it is a gorgeous piece of property that is a
22 little -- it's is a huge buffer for all of us in
23 the neighborhoods off of Ridge Road.

24 SPEAKER: Okay.

25 SPEAKER: It's just a part of our

1 history.

2 SPEAKER: Okay.

3 SPEAKER: So where is the road located?

4 SPEAKER: Off of Ridge Road and where?

5 SPEAKER: So if you're --

6 SPEAKER: It's the last property on the
7 left.

8 SPEAKER: Did you show her on this map?
9 Did you show her on this map?

10 SPEAKER: The big white house. The big
11 white house, on Ridge Road.

12 SPEAKER: Ah, I know.

13 SPEAKER: Right across from Manuel --

14 SPEAKER: -- Manuel Street.

15 SPEAKER: I got it. Uh-huh.

16 SPEAKER: Okay. Good. Okay. Good? One
17 word. Done.

18 SPEAKER: Okay.

19 SPEAKER: You all may be out of here
20 early, but I doubt that. We will find out. All
21 right. Question number two is what do you believe
22 is needed to ensure the safety of your family, of
23 the people who live in the neighborhood, in the
24 area, and people who travel through the area? It's
25 a safety question. If you want to jot down your

1 thoughts, take a moment to think about it. What do
2 you believe is needed to ensure the safety of the
3 -- your family, and I would guess business, the
4 people that live in the area, and the people that
5 travel through the area? Let's talk about safety.
6 Would you like to start us off? I thought that was
7 your point?

8 SPEAKER: Not connecting Ridge Road to
9 Crabtree [inaudible].

10 SPEAKER: Don't connect it or --

11 SPEAKER: Do not.

12 SPEAKER: Do not connect, okay. That's
13 -- okay.

14 SPEAKER: That eliminates --

15 SPEAKER: Not connecting Ridge Road to
16 where?

17 SPEAKER: Crabtree Avenue.

18 SPEAKER: Crabtree Avenue.

19 SPEAKER: To Crabtree?

20 SPEAKER: That's Crabtree Valley Avenue,
21 I think it is.

22 SPEAKER: Is that what it is?

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, Crabtree Valley Avenue.

24 SPEAKER: Is that what you want to say?

25 SPEAKER: Yes.

1 SPEAKER: To Crabtree Valley Avenue?

2 SPEAKER: Yeah.

3 SPEAKER: Okay.

4 SPEAKER: Could you tell me exactly where

5 is Crabtree Avenue?

6 SPEAKER: Could you show it to her?

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: Okay.

9 SPEAKER: I don't know that it's on

10 there.

11 SPEAKER: Somewhere, it seems like

12 [inaudible].

13 SPEAKER: Well, it may not be clearly

14 identified, but --

15 SPEAKER: Where's the shop? Right here.

16 SPEAKER: Okay. So while he's --

17 SPEAKER: This one right here. As

18 important as this is, I'm really surprised she --

19 SPEAKER: It -- it runs behind the mall.

20 SPEAKER: Right.

21 SPEAKER: Runs --

22 SPEAKER: You know where the creek is?

23 SPEAKER: There is a road?

24 SPEAKER: Yes.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: Under the bridge?

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: That is Crabtree Avenue. Okay.
4 Got it.

5 SPEAKER: Okay. I live there and I
6 didn't know that [inaudible]. Thank you. All
7 right. Safety. Next?

8 SPEAKER: Yeah. Don't put an interchange
9 or overpass at or near Ridge Road to connect the
10 Crabtree Valley Avenue.

11 SPEAKER: Is that different than what
12 he's saying?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah. I mean, he's saying
14 don't connect the Crabtree Valley. I'm saying
15 don't put an interchange or an overpass near Ridge
16 Road or at Ridge Road.

17 SPEAKER: Okay. And I don't know, I
18 guess I can ask the engineers. Do you need more
19 explanation about the why behind the statements?
20 Or are you okay with just hearing what they've
21 said?

22 SPEAKER: Well, I mean, the why is
23 because we don't want a highway in our
24 neighborhood, if you want a why.

25 SPEAKER: Okay.

1 SPEAKER: It is less safe.

2 SPEAKER: I'm sorry?

3 SPEAKER: It's usually less safe with a
4 highway in your neighborhood.

5 SPEAKER: Really? Right. Okay. All
6 right. Safety. Next? Who would like to go next?
7 Go ahead.

8 SPEAKER: Reducing the off-ramp speed
9 from the Beltline to Ridge Road.

10 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

11 SPEAKER: At that end. At our
12 [inaudible].

13 SPEAKER: Okay.

14 SPEAKER: Where the one where the bridge
15 is?

16 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

17 SPEAKER: Well there [inaudible].

18 SPEAKER: At -- reducing off-ramp speed
19 at the Ridge Road --

20 SPEAKER: Ridge -- Ridge and 440.

21 SPEAKER: At Ridge and which?

22 SPEAKER: 440.

23 SPEAKER: Oh, thank you. Sorry.

24 SPEAKER: Right.

25 SPEAKER: You can see why she's writing,

1 I'm not. She's doing a much better job. But I
2 think yeah, reducing the off-ramp speed -- is it
3 too high now, from your perspective?

4 SPEAKER: Way too high. It's
5 unbelievable.

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: The speed limit is too high or
8 the speed people go out --

9 SPEAKER: People are getting off -- it's
10 from the outer loop. You're coming across The
11 Beltline onto Ridge Road. And I'm right at the
12 corner and they -- there's no reduction in Beltline
13 speed. And for some people, it appears to be a
14 challenge to hit the curve and straighten out to
15 get there.

16 SPEAKER: I got you.

17 SPEAKER: So they're at -- they're at
18 highway speed --

19 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

20 SPEAKER: -- on Ridge.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. Right.

22 SPEAKER: If that makes sense.

23 SPEAKER: That does make sense, yes.

24 SPEAKER: Challenge at ramp's curve.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: Is that accurate?

2 SPEAKER: That's part of it, but yeah --

3 it's still --

4 SPEAKER: At the exit. At the whole

5 exit.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah.

8 SPEAKER: Thank you.

9 SPEAKER: And also, people who are

10 heading up Ridge Road to get on the Beltline, they

11 start accelerating before they get to Manuel

12 Street.

13 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

14 SPEAKER: So early acceleration --

15 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

16 SPEAKER: Onto -- on --

17 SPEAKER: On Ridge Road, when you're

18 heading to get on the Beltline.

19 SPEAKER: Okay.

20 SPEAKER: On Ridge.

21 SPEAKER: Right. They start at Glen

22 Eden. That's where the -- that's -- when that

23 traffic light turns green, it's like a drag race.

24 SPEAKER: On the Beltline and 440?

25 SPEAKER: To get to 440.

1 SPEAKER: And that's 440 North or South?
2 Or East or West? It's 440 towards Glenwood,
3 correct?

4 SPEAKER: Correct.

5 SPEAKER: Well, 440 towards Glenwood?

6 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah.

7 SPEAKER: Starting at Glen Eden?

8 SPEAKER: Yeah, Glen Eden. That's where
9 it starts.

10 SPEAKER: It starts -- yeah.

11 SPEAKER: If the lights red. If it's
12 green, it starts before.

13 SPEAKER: Right. There's a lot of
14 traffic there. Okay. Who else?

15 SPEAKER: Okay. Is that accurate?

16 SPEAKER: Number of -- you know, amount
17 of traffic on Ridge Road not increasing.

18 SPEAKER: Okay.

19 SPEAKER: Don't increase the amount of
20 traffic.

21 SPEAKER: Do not increase traffic.

22 SPEAKER: Do not increase the amount of
23 traffic on Ridge Road. I got you. Excuse me, you
24 with the engineering firm or are you participating?

25 SPEAKER: No, I'm on the Raleigh City

1 Council representing this district [inaudible].

2 SPEAKER: And your name is?

3 SPEAKER: I'm Stef Mendell.

4 SPEAKER: Welcome.

5 SPEAKER: Thank you.

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: Onward traffic on Ridge Road --
8 is -- okay.

9 SPEAKER: Actually, I will go a little
10 bit further and it's not -- no increase, but it's
11 actually reduced because already it's a lot of --

12 SPEAKER: A lot of control.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah, it's -- reduce is really
14 a better phrase.

15 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

16 SPEAKER: Reduce, right.

17 SPEAKER: Okay. So someone wants to
18 modify -- whoever put that up has to agree. It'd
19 be really cool.

20 SPEAKER: That's true. I think, yeah. I
21 agree.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's okay. Just want
23 to make sure that we're using -- no one's stealing
24 someone else's thunder.

25 SPEAKER: Is that good? Is that fair?

1 SPEAKER: We like the democratic process.
2 I like it. It helps us to do better.

3 SPEAKER: But we got both of them too.
4 So if they're different. What else on safety? Did
5 you have one on safety?

6 SPEAKER: Well, you know, I don't know if
7 it's safety or not, but I've always wondered what
8 the Crabtree Valley Mall was going to look like in
9 20 years. It might not even be there.

10 SPEAKER: Hmm.

11 SPEAKER: I mean, you know, when you look
12 at, you know, people are not going to malls
13 anymore, you know.

14 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

15 SPEAKER: Amazon do -- is doing -- you
16 buy -- get everything on Amazon and I just even
17 wonder if that's even taken into account as -- as a
18 planning.

19 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

20 SPEAKER: That's not under safety.

21 SPEAKER: No, but it's -- planning stuff.

22 SPEAKER: But we can still put the
23 comment -- we can put the comment there.

24 SPEAKER: Yes. I need -- I'm going to
25 grab a piece of paper.

1 SPEAKER: Yeah, we can -- no, we can put
2 the comment here. Beth, the boss, says we can.

3 SPEAKER: Okay.

4 SPEAKER: So we can.

5 SPEAKER: So viability of the mall over
6 the long term?

7 SPEAKER: Yeah, future. Future of it.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah.

9 SPEAKER: Future viability of the mall.

10 SPEAKER: Is that being taken into
11 consideration? Right. Will we not have at cars
12 that fly yet [inaudible]?

13 SPEAKER: Do you get to go again?

14 SPEAKER: Sorry? Yes, you get to go
15 again.

16 SPEAKER: Okay. During the construction
17 of the widening of Beltline, Wade Avenue should --
18 intersection should be completed before anything
19 happens at Glenwood.

20 SPEAKER: Okay.

21 SPEAKER: So complete the work on Wade
22 Avenue before this begins?

23 SPEAKER: No, on -- on the -- on -- you
24 mean on The Beltline by The Faculty Club? Is that
25 what you mean?

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: Yes.

3 SPEAKER: Yeah.

4 SPEAKER: That -- it's sketchy.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah. Between Meredith and The
6 Faculty Club.

7 SPEAKER: The promise was that both of
8 those intersections would be under construction at
9 the same time.

10 SPEAKER: The promise was that?

11 SPEAKER: It was a threat.

12 SPEAKER: Okay.

13 SPEAKER: I'm sorry.

14 SPEAKER: So clarify me the location.

15 SPEAKER: It was -- it was [inaudible].

16 SPEAKER: So must complete --

17 SPEAKER: Construction on Wade Avenue.

18 SPEAKER: Wade Avenue, the intersection
19 with the Beltline. It was before any construction
20 started.

21 SPEAKER: But if we're talking about The
22 Faculty Club, that's Hillsborough, correct?

23 SPEAKER: That's still Wade Avenue.

24 SPEAKER: Okay.

25 SPEAKER: What about the Wake Forest Road

1 exit as well though because that's only two on
2 [inaudible]?

3 SPEAKER: Must complete construction on
4 --

5 SPEAKER: The widening processes.

6 SPEAKER: Well, hang on. Let's get this
7 --

8 SPEAKER: Let's get this first.

9 SPEAKER: Right.

10 SPEAKER: Complete that intersection --
11 it includes --

12 SPEAKER: Construction on 440 and Wade?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah. And I don't -- is -- is
14 there going to be an exit?

15 SPEAKER: Yeah. That's where -- that's
16 where they're widening The Beltline right there at
17 440.

18 SPEAKER: Did they change and --
19 originally, Hillsborough was not going to be a part
20 of interchange. Are they in there too?

21 SPEAKER: I think they're in the -- yeah,
22 they're a part of it.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah, because it's a --
24 Meredith and The Faculty Club.

25 SPEAKER: Yeah.

1 SPEAKER: So they -- that -- that whole,
2 you know --

3 SPEAKER: And down there to Western
4 Boulevard.

5 SPEAKER: -- Hillsborough and Wade,
6 that's really just one huge intersection.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: So to look at the whole of this
9 -- this project plus what's going on Wade is one
10 whole is what you're saying?

11 SPEAKER: Well, he's saying that he --
12 that he -- he thinks --

13 SPEAKER: I'm saying we don't --

14 SPEAKER: -- that it needs to be
15 completed before the Glenwood and the 440 project.

16 SPEAKER: Right.

17 SPEAKER: Right.

18 SPEAKER: Right. But's as a complete --

19 SPEAKER: Yeah.

20 SPEAKER: Is that already under
21 construction or do --

22 SPEAKER: No, it's not, no.

23 SPEAKER: It's been funded I think.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. So whatever deciding
25 this is -- should be --

1 SPEAKER: Should -- should follow the
2 completion of this.

3 SPEAKER: Could sit with this.

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

5 SPEAKER: Right.

6 SPEAKER: Is that correct?

7 SPEAKER: Yes.

8 SPEAKER: Yes.

9 SPEAKER: You want it just completed as
10 is and before we design this?

11 SPEAKER: Right. Yeah because you don't
12 really know what's going to happen -- I mean, once
13 -- once you've complete that, you can see --

14 SPEAKER: Once all the traffic patterns
15 are changed --

16 SPEAKER: -- you can see the traffic
17 patterns once all that's completed.

18 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay.

19 SPEAKER: You'll see some -- you'll have
20 different --

21 SPEAKER: Right. So it's a --

22 SPEAKER: So let me make one
23 clarification. So then what I'm hearing is that in
24 addition to the construction being completed,
25 you're saying that the design needs to be

1 completed. Do you want to see the impact of this
2 work as well? Okay.

3 SPEAKER: It'd be nice, yeah.

4 SPEAKER: Construction --

5 SPEAKER: Before this --

6 SPEAKER: So we do mean --

7 SPEAKER: Before the final design of it.

8 SPEAKER: I got you. So we do mean
9 construction and not design?

10 SPEAKER: Yeah.

11 SPEAKER: Okay. Before final Glenwood
12 design.

13 SPEAKER: Francisco, could you get the
14 other pad? The yellow one. The big pad.

15 SPEAKER: Where is it?

16 SPEAKER: It's on the other table. We
17 have already filled it out. Well, there's one in
18 the other room that already has names on it.

19 SPEAKER: Okay. I'll get it.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah. Just so you don't have
21 to write anything [inaudible], okay?

22 SPEAKER: Oh, okay.

23 SPEAKER: Yeah. Okay. Next? One, two,
24 three both you. Are you -- you okay with what's on
25 here?

1 SPEAKER: I -- yeah, I'm right there.

2 Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: All right. Okay. No
4 additional comments?

5 SPEAKER: 'Cause we [inaudible] papers no
6 object.

7 SPEAKER: People have their kids on
8 there. I think maybe just noting that for safety
9 purposes, there are a number of schools on Ridge
10 Road.

11 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

12 SPEAKER: Yeah. No, that's a good one.

13 SPEAKER: And churches.

14 SPEAKER: You have safety sheet number
15 two. Just cross it out. That may take care of it.

16 SPEAKER: And churches, right. Is that
17 good?

18 SPEAKER: Yes, ma'am.

19 SPEAKER: Okay. Any more comments? Then
20 we don't need this. Okay.

21 SPEAKER: I'm glad we have that though.

22 SPEAKER: Yeah. All right.

23 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

24 SPEAKER: Next question, number three.

25 It's a long one. Is there a specific valuable

1 community asset, something important to the
2 community and neighborhood, located within the zone
3 -- within the project zone that you are concerned
4 will be impacted? If so, what is it, and how do
5 you believe it will be impacted?

6 So this is an asset question. In -- is
7 there a specific valuable community asset,
8 something important to the community and or
9 neighborhood, located within the project zone that
10 you are concerned will be impacted? If you do,
11 what is it and how do you believe it will be
12 impacted?

13 SPEAKER: My neighborhood, Beckana.

14 SPEAKER: Okay. Then tell us how.

15 SPEAKER: And Beckana? B-E-C-K-H-A-N --

16 SPEAKER: Beckana. B-E-C-K-A-N-A.

17 SPEAKER: And you could say why?

18 SPEAKER: Yes, because increased traffic
19 will affect people's access, it's going to bring
20 down property values. People -- there enough
21 rental houses in our neighborhood as it is.
22 They'll be even more.

23 SPEAKER: It's crowded. It's going to be
24 crowded.

25 SPEAKER: Crowded?

1 SPEAKER: Yeah, and then, you know, more
2 traffic and, you know.

3 SPEAKER: You can't get out of the
4 neighborhood.

5 SPEAKER: Related to the safety of the
6 residents.

7 SPEAKER: Crowded in this same
8 neighborhood?

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. Yeah, I would say.

10 SPEAKER: So you said increase -- it'll
11 -- increase in traffic will impact value.

12 SPEAKER: Right. And --

13 SPEAKER: 'Cause you won't be able to get
14 out to on Ridge Road.

15 SPEAKER: And you said --

16 SPEAKER: And right now, you can't get
17 out and turn left.

18 SPEAKER: -- a number of rental homes
19 too?

20 SPEAKER: Yeah.

21 SPEAKER: Okay.

22 SPEAKER: I mean, you know, that's going
23 to happen. It's going to be like when they widened
24 Six Forks and when they widened Green Road.

25 SPEAKER: Okay. I just wanted to make

1 sure I captured that.

2 SPEAKER: There's no longer people living
3 there that own their own homes.

4 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

5 SPEAKER: Okay. And you had said -- I'm
6 sorry to talk over.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah, the same as [inaudible].

8 SPEAKER: Okay.

9 SPEAKER: But someone else -- I think the
10 exit -- to be able to exit -- did you say exit the
11 neighborhood?

12 SPEAKER: Yes.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah. Exit Beckana.

14 SPEAKER: And then it's going to be very
15 loud, lot of traffic [inaudible] noisy.

16 SPEAKER: I thought we were going to have
17 electric cars. No?

18 SPEAKER: Okay.

19 SPEAKER: I'm pretty sure Beckana
20 designated historic.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah?

22 SPEAKER: We are?

23 SPEAKER: Where? On what?

24 SPEAKER: Because it was built in the
25 '50s, it qualifies as historic.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: It qualifies, but it's never
3 been --

4 SPEAKER: Oh, officially designated.

5 SPEAKER: Yes, yeah, you have to get your
6 neighbors together and do that.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah, you're right. That's a
8 designated [inaudible].

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: Good idea.

11 SPEAKER: Other -- other impacts that you
12 want to be specific about for Beckana in
13 particular?

14 SPEAKER: Someone mentioned the -- that
15 farm coming.

16 SPEAKER: Coggins Farm?

17 SPEAKER: Coggins Farm. It's over --

18 SPEAKER: Okay. Well, before we leave
19 Beckana, just -- there's been a lot of complaints
20 of -- actually coming from the other side -- the
21 Glenwood side of Beckana, about some -- its
22 flooding can be worst.

23 SPEAKER: Oh, yeah.

24 SPEAKER: And so if you -- if you were to
25 connect Crabtree Avenue -- I mean, every time we

1 pave anything else over Crabtree area, the flooding
2 gets worst.

3 SPEAKER: Okay. Increased --

4 SPEAKER: So I've heard concerns from
5 neighbors at some of the community meetings who are
6 in Beckana about flooding [inaudible].

7 SPEAKER: Flooding from the Glenwood
8 entrance?

9 SPEAKER: Well, no. I mean, what I'm
10 saying is I think --

11 SPEAKER: I mean, particularly, you said
12 it's --

13 SPEAKER: -- it will be a double whammy
14 for them.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. So those entrances --

16 SPEAKER: From flooding comes from
17 Blenheim.

18 SPEAKER: Well, and if --

19 SPEAKER: From multiple entrances. I
20 mean, in other words, there are --

21 SPEAKER: It also backs up from Crabtree.

22 SPEAKER: So in multiple locations.

23 SPEAKER: And if you take the trees that
24 are a buffer that, you know, then the land that is
25 naturally soaking up --

1 SPEAKER: So just in multiple locations,
2 is that comprehensive enough?

3 SPEAKER: Yeah, flooding coming from
4 multiple locations.

5 SPEAKER: Right. You pave a lot more
6 around the area.

7 SPEAKER: More paving equals more
8 flooding.

9 SPEAKER: It's going to stress.

10 SPEAKER: More paving and less trees.

11 SPEAKER: Trees. More paving equals less
12 trees equals more flooding.

13 SPEAKER: That question was framed like
14 looking for like -- who I'm concerned about Beckana
15 or I'm concerned about Lacy School. But actually,
16 you know, it's the Ridge Road community. It's a
17 single entity and -- and, you know, it's the entire
18 stretch from Wade Avenue downwards.

19 SPEAKER: And that's an asset is the
20 entire -- it's framed as Beckana, but you're saying
21 that your more --

22 SPEAKER: Well, I just popped in with
23 Beckana.

24 SPEAKER: No, no, it's -- Beckana is one
25 of the neighborhoods -- that's a part of the

1 Glenwood -- I mean -- Beckana --

2 SPEAKER: Beckana is the one that's going
3 to be having the impact of that.

4 SPEAKER: The most impacted.

5 SPEAKER: Ridge Road --

6 SPEAKER: Okay.

7 SPEAKER: -- community.

8 SPEAKER: Also, there are many young
9 children, you know, going around in the area, like
10 in the area, and also, they --

11 SPEAKER: Okay. So I'm -- so Beckana,
12 you want to make it -- you want to continue to make
13 it child friendly? Is that a sense? We're trying
14 to frame it in assets to be protected. It's
15 currently child friendly.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, so child friendly, also
17 pedestrians, you know.

18 SPEAKER: Okay.

19 SPEAKER: They can stroll around and be
20 really impacted.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah, lot of people.

22 SPEAKER: We also want to keep the park
23 at Varnell and Ridge Road. The --

24 SPEAKER: Is that a separate question?

25 Is that --

1 SPEAKER: No, that's an impact. Yeah,
2 that's a separate question.

3 SPEAKER: A separate asset.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's an asset you want
5 to protect.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's an asset.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: Right.

9 SPEAKER: Maintain child and pedestrian
10 friendliness.

11 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

12 SPEAKER: Protect the park.

13 SPEAKER: Name of the park is?

14 SPEAKER: Which one?

15 SPEAKER: Varnell. V-A-R-N-E-L-L.

16 SPEAKER: Thank you.

17 SPEAKER: But yeah, pedestrian access all
18 along Ridge Road.

19 SPEAKER: Varnell, V-E-R -- V --

20 SPEAKER: V as in Victor?

21 SPEAKER: V like [inaudible].

22 SPEAKER: Oh, thank you.

23 SPEAKER: What was the other one?

24 SPEAKER: Oh, you know, pedestrian and
25 bicycling all along Ridge Road. A lot of people

1 won't let their children walk to school because of
2 the traffic.

3 SPEAKER: So -- okay. So there isn't
4 currently pedestrian -- is there currently a
5 pedestrian [inaudible]?

6 SPEAKER: There -- there is sidewalk on
7 one side most of the way.

8 SPEAKER: But -- but just not safe, is
9 what --

10 SPEAKER: Well, yeah when you got people
11 speeding 45 or whatever miles an hour it's --

12 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

13 SPEAKER: So we want for safety -- we
14 want additional sidewalks. Is that more a safety
15 issue or is it something that you're protecting?
16 All I'm trying to get is that I hear that it's
17 important that there are additional avenues for
18 both bikers and pedestrians and particularly as it
19 relates to school children and their families. But
20 I'm trying to get that if it's already an asset or
21 it's something that -- that relates to safety
22 'cause I want to make sure it sort of doesn't get
23 lost in the --

24 SPEAKER: Both.

25 SPEAKER: It's actually both.

1 SPEAKER: Both? Okay.

2 SPEAKER: Both.

3 SPEAKER: So --

4 SPEAKER: Protect the pedestrian and
5 runners and then, you know, a lot of runners -- and
6 there [inaudible]. Yeah, it's -- it's weekends,
7 then late afternoon runners.

8 SPEAKER: Runner and biker.

9 SPEAKER: Okay.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: And before we leave that one, I
12 did -- I did want to put the --

13 SPEAKER: Coggins Farm.

14 SPEAKER: -- Coggins Farm down as well --

15 SPEAKER: We can put it --

16 SPEAKER: -- because they have lots of
17 animals and things. So for our kids, that's
18 literally a community asset to have -- I mean, our
19 kids are in an urban area, but very cool to have
20 that.

21 SPEAKER: Okay.

22 SPEAKER: Quiet.

23 SPEAKER: Well --

24 SPEAKER: Peaceful.

25 SPEAKER: You may want to add your name

1 so it's --

2 SPEAKER: Okay.

3 SPEAKER: -- for the recorder whoever's
4 transcribing. What else? What other assets?

5 SPEAKER: I don't -- I don't want to
6 leave my house. We're -- possibility we can lose
7 -- where our house is at the corner of Ridge and
8 Varnell --

9 SPEAKER: Yeah.

10 SPEAKER: -- is right there at the ramp.

11 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

12 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

13 SPEAKER: At the far end. So you have,
14 figure, maybe eight houses coming back towards
15 Manuel maybe.

16 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

17 SPEAKER: But us first or four or five,
18 we're right there. So are we going to lose our
19 whole front yard or are we going to lose our house?

20 SPEAKER: Are they going to destroy the
21 house or --

22 SPEAKER: Don't know. Don't know. I
23 mean, that's -- that's the question that they -- if
24 -- if they're planning on redoing the whole area,
25 my concern is -- and my neighbors' concerns are --

1 are one, are we going to be able to get out of our
2 driveways? The other is, are we going to just lose
3 our homes? Is the State going to come in and kick
4 us out or are we're going to look like Millbrook
5 Road and we're going to step out front and touch
6 the next car that goes by and wave?

7 SPEAKER: And/or preserve driveway --

8 SPEAKER: Right. Sidewalks. Yeah, we
9 don't have -- at that far end, there's no
10 sidewalks.

11 SPEAKER: There are no --

12 SPEAKER: It's a -- kind of a feeder road
13 --

14 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

15 SPEAKER: Okay.

16 SPEAKER: -- that goes one way, but it's
17 a nice buffer.

18 SPEAKER: And this particular area you
19 just mentioned -- I'm sorry I wasn't writing the
20 question.

21 SPEAKER: It's at Ridge and The Beltline.

22 SPEAKER: Ridge and Beltline.

23 SPEAKER: Ridge and the Beltline.

24 SPEAKER: Ridge and 440. Where --
25 however you want to write it.

1 SPEAKER: Actually, y'all have a huge
2 asset in Beckana; one of the best sledding hills in
3 town.
4 SPEAKER: Absolutely.
5 SPEAKER: Seriously, like, that would
6 [inaudible].
7 SPEAKER: Sledding hills --
8 SPEAKER: No, the best sledding hill.
9 SPEAKER: Okay. I like that. What else?
10 SPEAKER: Even he joined.
11 SPEAKER: One of you mentioned in your
12 own words a canopy -- canopy.
13 SPEAKER: A tree canopy.
14 SPEAKER: Is that an asset?
15 SPEAKER: Tree -- the mature -- I guess
16 the mature trees are, yeah. All of them yeah,
17 sure.
18 SPEAKER: Okay.
19 SPEAKER: Yeah, beauty.
20 SPEAKER: Yeah.
21 SPEAKER: Preserve the tree [inaudible].
22 SPEAKER: You with an engineering firm or
23 are you apart of this group?
24 SPEAKER: I'm part of -- with the firm.
25 SPEAKER: With the firm? Okay. I got

1 you. Well, all right. An asset? What else?

2 SPEAKER: What's the theories -- in the
3 corner actually, in the neighbor, there's some
4 small playground like the a --

5 SPEAKER: That's a -- Varnell Park, yeah.

6 SPEAKER: That's Varnell.

7 SPEAKER: Oh, Varnell Park.

8 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. Sorry.

10 SPEAKER: No, that's good. Thank you.

11 SPEAKER: Any other assets that you can
12 think? Something that gives value that -- to not
13 only your homes, but if there's businesses. Any
14 others? No? Move on.

15 SPEAKER: Okay. Hold on just a second.
16 Think [inaudible]. I'm going to reset that and
17 move this and I'll -- we're running ahead of
18 schedule so I'm not -- I'm not messing -- I'm not
19 messing with our time.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah, we're way ahead. Yeah,
21 we started 15 minutes early so we're okay.

22 SPEAKER: I guess one of the other assets
23 is probably the quietness of the neighborhood at
24 [inaudible].

25 SPEAKER: Peace?

1 SPEAKER: Yeah, peace.

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: Except for our dog.

4 SPEAKER: No dogs. I want to see this
5 Beckana neighborhood. Where is it? Is that the
6 one in Glenwood Avenue and --

7 SPEAKER: No, it's --

8 SPEAKER: That's Beckanna apartments.

9 SPEAKER: Okay. It's here.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah, it's behind the Beckanna
11 apartments.

12 SPEAKER: It's behind the Beckanna
13 apartments. Okay.

14 SPEAKER: Right.

15 SPEAKER: I have a sense where it is now.
16 All right. Next question, four, from your
17 perspective, what are some of the most problematic
18 traffic and pedestrian problems that need to be
19 addressed? Be specific with intersections,
20 direction, and/or time of day. Okay. We talked
21 about a little of that before, but let's dive into
22 the issue of traffic problems -- traffic issues.

23 SPEAKER: Can I bring this up since I
24 have -- I have a front row to this in the morning
25 and the evening being right there is traffic backs

1 up in the morning on the outer loop of The Beltline
2 heading towards Wade Avenue. And people jump off
3 right there in front and take the pass and then
4 take it on Ridge because Waze or Google says jump
5 on. And then go to Wade Avenue and then go
6 outbound.

7 And it's the -- it just flips in the
8 afternoon. It's the same thing. Traffic on the
9 outer loop is backed up in the evening so they do
10 the same thing. They get off the ramp, go to
11 Ridge, go to Wade or over to Glen Eden. Use it as
12 a cut through I guess you could say.

13 SPEAKER: It's -- yeah. It's a shortcut.

14 SPEAKER: Well, that's why we should --
15 that's why we need to wait 'til the Wade Avenue --

16 SPEAKER: Right. You see --

17 SPEAKER: -- is completed because all
18 that will go away and they're planning -- that
19 bridge, they're planning on getting rid of it.

20 See -- but the concern I have is the more
21 we talk about traffic on Ridge Road, they're going
22 to put this nasty, ugly interchange right there and
23 say well look, you don't have any more traffic, but
24 you have all these cars going over your houses or
25 in front yards. And that's kind of -- that's --

1 live, into their neighborhoods, and going that way.

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: That's all I got to say. Thank
4 you.

5 SPEAKER: So a concern of [inaudible] --
6 preserve the neighborhoods.

7 SPEAKER: Yeah, I mean, it's -- at the
8 speeds they go past my house deep into the -- into
9 the neighborhood are ridiculous.

10 SPEAKER: The -- and not just volume, but
11 also speed.

12 SPEAKER: Speed.

13 SPEAKER: Speed. That's right. Yes,
14 ma'am?

15 SPEAKER: The traffic problems we keep
16 hearing about that are sought to be addressed with
17 this project, whatever it ends up being, are the
18 ones related to Glenwood.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's one -- that's --
20 that's the excuse is Glenwood.

21 SPEAKER: Right. So it feels like to us
22 --

23 SPEAKER: But it's going to pump it off
24 into someplace else. Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: -- we're being asked to

1 shoulder -- right.

2 SPEAKER: Okay.

3 SPEAKER: They don't want to widen
4 Glenwood residence --

5 SPEAKER: So that's a good question.

6 SPEAKER: -- they want to rip through our
7 neighborhoods.

8 SPEAKER: Are we fixing Glenwood to -- to
9 --

10 SPEAKER: Feels like Glenwood was being
11 shunted, did you say?

12 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

13 SPEAKER: Onto Ridge Road and the
14 neighborhoods.

15 SPEAKER: Onto Ridge Road and surrounding
16 neighborhoods.

17 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 SPEAKER: It's not our problem that they
19 want us to be the solution.

20 SPEAKER: That's a good statement.

21 SPEAKER: Yep.

22 SPEAKER: I don't know if it's unique
23 just to this group, but all of you seem to be on
24 the Ridge Road side of the Crabtree versus --

25 SPEAKER: We're almost all on Beckana.

1 SPEAKER: Oh, okay. Very interesting.

2 SPEAKER: That's right.

3 SPEAKER: Except for Artis, right? And
4 she's right next door.

5 SPEAKER: Close enough. Literally around
6 the corner.

7 SPEAKER: Okay. Was across Glenwood the
8 other side of Crabtree -- none of you are from
9 there.

10 SPEAKER: Is that accurate?

11 SPEAKER: Y'all think -- is that -- that
12 it?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah, I mean --

14 SPEAKER: Yeah, that's the -- that's the
15 --

16 SPEAKER: It's the impression that we
17 get, yes.

18 SPEAKER: Okay. Good. Okay.

19 SPEAKER: Okay. More. What else? What
20 other pedestrian traffic problems do you see?

21 SPEAKER: I mean, the -- the traffic
22 problems that I see are Lead Mine Avenue and
23 Glenwood Avenue, the intersection there. That's --
24 that's the problem. And then there's Blue Ridge
25 and Glenwood, those two intersections are the

1 problem. We don't have a problem on Ridge Road.

2 SPEAKER: Ah, okay.

3 SPEAKER: Okay.

4 SPEAKER: I see they're building more and
5 more apartments back there, which is compounding
6 the problem.

7 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

8 SPEAKER: So what we really are
9 struggling with is understanding why all of those
10 apartments have been approved when the City and DOT
11 have both been acutely aware of the -- the growing
12 traffic issues on Glenwood.

13 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

14 SPEAKER: And that's why I'm saying it's
15 not our problem that all of those were approved and
16 all of these apartments are going up and all the
17 additional cars are there. But now it's been done
18 and it's been done in the interest of business.
19 And now ordinary citizens -- and frankly, many of
20 us in the neighborhoods just happen to not be
21 young, you know.

22 SPEAKER: Hey.

23 SPEAKER: Please.

24 SPEAKER: I mean, it is disproportionately
25 going to affect -- most of us are at least middle

1 aged --

2 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

3 SPEAKER: Or older than that.

4 SPEAKER: -- in the neighborhoods. And
5 we've been there a long time. On average, you'll
6 find that people have really been there a while.

7 SPEAKER: Would you mind elaborating upon
8 the -- which apartment -- I mean, I'm not saying a
9 specific number --

10 SPEAKER: Behind Crabtree there's been --
11 what is it -- The Summit's one I believe.

12 SPEAKER: Well, those are the hotels, but
13 --

14 SPEAKER: I don't know.

15 SPEAKER: Well, behind -- behind
16 Crabtree.

17 SPEAKER: Well, they're -- yeah, they're
18 [inaudible].

19 SPEAKER: On the west side of Crabtree
20 and on the east side of Glenwood within the
21 Beltline are some huge apartments going in in huge
22 numbers.

23 SPEAKER: Crabtree and the east side --

24 SPEAKER: East side of Glenwood just
25 south of the Beltline, Woman's Club Drive.

1 SPEAKER: Right. So the Glenwood traffic
2 we're talking about is exactly from what she just
3 said.

4 SPEAKER: Right. And that's where the
5 office -- Kroger office center used to be?

6 SPEAKER: Yes. Uh-huh, yeah.

7 SPEAKER: I got you.

8 SPEAKER: Okay. Good. So -- so I'm
9 supposed to put --

10 SPEAKER: And you -- you mentioned people
11 from the other side were -- where fear was it is
12 largely in terms of residences. I think it's a lot
13 of apartments at this point compared to homes.
14 They've taken out a lot of homes now.

15 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. I think it might merit
16 making a comment about age.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 SPEAKER: That it's affecting people who
19 are mature.

20 SPEAKER: Yeah, also I see --

21 SPEAKER: I'm 73. I can say it. It's
22 okay.

23 SPEAKER: Also, I see young -- young
24 couples come and raise a family too, but they --
25 not a lot, but there's some of them. I see a lot

1 of -- children waiting for the school bus early in
2 the morning at the corner of Ridge Road.

3 SPEAKER: The long term residents.

4 SPEAKER: Oh, yeah. We have tons of
5 families. I think what I was trying to get at is
6 --

7 SPEAKER: There's no families on the
8 other side.

9 SPEAKER: Yeah. And I feel like there is
10 an element of, you know, we need Raleigh and we
11 want Raleigh to progress in certain ways. Well, if
12 everyone wants Raleigh to prosper and grow, but
13 it's curious to me that -- you know, that I almost
14 feel like we are targeted in a way and I think it's
15 important to say.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah.

17 SPEAKER: So who's targeted -- not -- did
18 they --

19 SPEAKER: The neighborhoods.

20 SPEAKER: Which one?

21 SPEAKER: The neighborhoods.

22 SPEAKER: The neighborhoods have been --

23 SPEAKER: Many of the -- many of the --
24 you know, many of the residents in our area -- you
25 know, at my end of Blenheim, for instance, gosh,

1 I'd say of all of my neighbors, most of them are
2 retired and have been for some quite some time.
3 You're talking about a lot of people.

4 SPEAKER: Established neighbors and
5 neighborhoods 'cause this -- good -- or -- it's
6 your voices and you took the time to comment we can
7 phrase it. And that will resonate at it's read or
8 heard.

9 SPEAKER: Is that fair? Is that a
10 representation of what you said?

11 SPEAKER: Feels as though --

12 SPEAKER: Well, targeted at Blenheim
13 itself. I'm saying the Ridge Road thing --

14 SPEAKER: Is among the neighborhoods sort
15 of targeted?

16 SPEAKER: Yeah.

17 SPEAKER: Okay.

18 SPEAKER: Ridge Road area.

19 SPEAKER: Not quite -- not quite --

20 SPEAKER: I don't think the
21 neighborhoods, I think --

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: It's the -- it's -- it's the --

24 SPEAKER: Among the streets.

25 SPEAKER: Ridge Road is targeted. I

1 mean, it's --

2 SPEAKER: Ridge Road area. Okay. I just
3 want to make sure it's right.

4 SPEAKER: The established neighborhoods,
5 it feels like. [Inaudible] --

6 SPEAKER: Okay. Established
7 neighborhoods.

8 SPEAKER: Yeah, I like that. Established
9 neighborhoods, yes. That's good.

10 SPEAKER: There we go.

11 SPEAKER: Thanks.

12 SPEAKER: That's why I don't like
13 writing.

14 SPEAKER: It's hard.

15 SPEAKER: It's hard, yeah. Anything else
16 under traffic problems? You ready for the next
17 question?

18 SPEAKER: Well, I mean, as far as traffic
19 problems, they need to -- they need to address it
20 at the Glenwood Avenue, 440 Interchange and not
21 Ridge Road.

22 SPEAKER: Okay.

23 SPEAKER: That's -- that's what they need
24 to --

25 SPEAKER: Address --

1 SPEAKER: I mean, we're a mile and a half
2 away from that. We shouldn't be -- we shouldn't be
3 impacted like we -- like they want to impact us.

4 SPEAKER: Okay.

5 SPEAKER: So address the problem on
6 Glenwood?

7 SPEAKER: Does this cover that? Feels
8 like Glenwood was being shunted onto Ridge Road and
9 surrounding neighborhoods. Not our problem, but we
10 seem to be the solution.

11 SPEAKER: Well, I'm just saying -- yeah,
12 I mean, was just saying that they -- they need to
13 find a solution on Glenwood and 440.

14 SPEAKER: I would -- I would put that
15 down. Find a solution on Glenwood and 440 that
16 doesn't impact the neighborhoods.

17 SPEAKER: Right.

18 SPEAKER: That's going to be tough.

19 SPEAKER: I don't know. I mean, I don't
20 know why they want to put an interchange in front
21 of people's yards.

22 SPEAKER: I mean, they can bring -- they
23 can bring Crabtree Avenue down and have it just
24 intersect with The Beltline without having an
25 overpass that drops down into Ridge Road.

1 SPEAKER: Right.

2 SPEAKER: So that people can come south
3 on -- on Crabtree Avenue and go west and not half
4 to --

5 SPEAKER: Well, I think they're just
6 doing that for Crabtree Valley. They -- I mean --
7 I mean, we shouldn't have to have that for the
8 mall.

9 SPEAKER: Oh yeah, I know. They want a
10 -- they don't want it to go away. I was there
11 Saturday, it was a week ago, and nobody -- at --
12 there were a lot of people there. Nobody was
13 buying anything.

14 SPEAKER: Right.

15 SPEAKER: They were just enjoying the air
16 conditioning.

17 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

18 SPEAKER: So does this -- does this cover
19 what you're saying? Glenwood and 440 project
20 should arrive at solutions that don't severely
21 impact Ridge Road area.

22 SPEAKER: No. Not severely, but do not
23 -- that don't impact it at all.

24 SPEAKER: That don't impact. Okay.

25 SPEAKER: There's no reason to impact.

1 SPEAKER: Okay.

2 SPEAKER: I mean, we're a neighborhood.
3 We're not a shopping mall. We're not a gas
4 station.

5 SPEAKER: Uh-huh. Anything else on this
6 topic of traffic?

7 SPEAKER: Well, we can suggest the second
8 Glenwood Avenue over the existing one [inaudible]
9 getting anything through can do it all on Glenwood
10 Avenue.

11 SPEAKER: Right. I would put that down
12 as suggest.

13 SPEAKER: You wouldn't have --

14 SPEAKER: I think that's one of the one's
15 they came up with five or 10 years ago.

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, you wouldn't have to buy
17 a right-of-way.

18 SPEAKER: Right. That's the one I
19 remember from long time ago. So suggest that there
20 be a -- oh, what --

21 SPEAKER: A double-decker.

22 SPEAKER: A double-decker or something on
23 Glenwood Avenue.

24 SPEAKER: It's elevated highway.

25 SPEAKER: Elevated highway. Thank you.

1 Elevated highway on Glenwood Avenue.

2 SPEAKER: A second elevated.

3 SPEAKER: A second, yeah.

4 SPEAKER: Yeah, one for north of a mile

5 and one for not.

6 SPEAKER: Yeah. Okay.

7 SPEAKER: A way to lower Glenwood.

8 SPEAKER: I'm sorry? Lower Glenwood.

9 Yeah, you could lower Glenwood.

10 SPEAKER: Yeah, I'm just being --

11 SPEAKER: He's --

12 SPEAKER: I'm being smart.

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: It's already lower than

15 Crabtree. [Inaudible].

16 SPEAKER: Update the flood.

17 SPEAKER: But then it will flood.

18 SPEAKER: Well, we got do something about

19 the flooding, right? All right. Let's move on to

20 the next question.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. Hold on just a moment.

22 SPEAKER: While you're doing that, I'll

23 read the question to the group.

24 SPEAKER: Okay.

25 SPEAKER: I'll read it twice so they get

1 -- hear it. What additional one or two things are
2 important to your household or business that you
3 want to be considered as this project moves
4 forward? What additional one or two things are
5 important to -- are important things to your
6 household or business that you want considered as
7 this project moves forward? What else?

8 SPEAKER: Not to come up with mechanisms
9 say that there's an approved addition to Beckana
10 apartments and -- and there's still land enough up
11 there to do more apartments. But after this
12 addition, there shouldn't be any more apartments
13 added to Beckana.

14 SPEAKER: Okay. After this addition, you
15 won't be able to or they shouldn't?

16 SPEAKER: They shouldn't.

17 SPEAKER: They shouldn't be allowed to.

18 SPEAKER: It's been approved, that
19 addition?

20 SPEAKER: No.

21 SPEAKER: Are you saying?

22 SPEAKER: Well, they said that -- they
23 said their zoning has already approved it is from
24 what I understand.

25 SPEAKER: But they don't have enough

1 exits and entrances.

2 SPEAKER: I don't know about all that.

3 SPEAKER: They have enough --

4 SPEAKER: And with this -- this --

5 SPEAKER: They broke that project in two
6 so that they wouldn't have to do project impacts
7 studies and so they wouldn't have to improve those
8 entrances. So they continued to use the entrance
9 they got in Varnell.

10 SPEAKER: Okay. What else you want
11 listed here? Other projects or other concerns,
12 issues that you'd like to add to this?

13 SPEAKER: In the neighborhood actually,
14 you know, people -- of course, some people have
15 their garage and so on, but many cars are actually
16 parked in the street. So, you know, this heavy
17 traffic would impact those.

18 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

19 SPEAKER: And I think as of now, you
20 know, quite peaceful and so and people just can
21 park in the street.

22 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

23 SPEAKER: So --

24 SPEAKER: So less on-street parking?

25 SPEAKER: No.

1 allegations of pretty serious overcharging,
2 basically, of taxpayers. So I think the silver
3 lining in this should be that we would be the pilot
4 project for complete and total transparency for the
5 neighbors and the taxpayers.

6 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

7 SPEAKER: So I said, "Want to see this
8 project realized as a pilot for demonstrating
9 transparency especially as it relates to costs."

10 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

11 SPEAKER: Yeah, specifically contracts
12 with engineering firms, design firms -- design
13 build --

14 SPEAKER: Consulting firms.

15 SPEAKER: Consulting firms. Every --

16 SPEAKER: Facilitators.

17 SPEAKER: Every cost --

18 SPEAKER: We got all the DOT engineers.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah, everything connected with
20 this project from beginning to end.

21 SPEAKER: That's a good point. Other
22 thoughts?

23 SPEAKER: I'm standing in front of it.
24 Now I can't see it. Sorry.

25 SPEAKER: We're good? We're good? All

1 right. Next question. You are getting out of
2 early don't you --

3 SPEAKER: Yeah.

4 SPEAKER: Well, it depends on what you do
5 with this question.

6 SPEAKER: Oh.

7 SPEAKER: What can the North Carolina
8 Department of Transportation do to demonstrate
9 being a partner with the community of stakeholders
10 while tackling the complex transportation
11 challenges created by rapid urban growth in Wake
12 County?

13 SPEAKER: It might be an opportunity to
14 -- I'm not supposed to prompt, but to elaborate
15 some more.

16 SPEAKER: Well, I think, yeah, the
17 transparency would be right up there.

18 SPEAKER: Transparency, yeah.

19 SPEAKER: What would -- what kind of
20 transparency would you be looking for?

21 SPEAKER: Well -- so it'd be multiple
22 kinds. And we've already had a problem with
23 transparency in communication. We've been -- we
24 were all very much under the impression, for
25 instance, that these would be videotaped sessions

1 available to everybody. There has been a --
2 there's been several times where we feel like we've
3 been told things that ended up being completely
4 different.

5 SPEAKER: In 10 years, these will be
6 videos.

7 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

8 SPEAKER: And the first that really
9 anybody knew about this was the surveyors showed
10 up.

11 SPEAKER: Yes.

12 SPEAKER: About the project or about the
13 process?

14 SPEAKER: About the project. They
15 started surveying the Coggins property.

16 SPEAKER: Oh, really? Okay.

17 SPEAKER: Yeah.

18 SPEAKER: Okay.

19 SPEAKER: She said what are y'all doing
20 out here. Well, we're surveying for the new
21 Glenwood interchange.

22 SPEAKER: It's going right into your
23 house. Wow.

24 SPEAKER: Yes, it -- stop sending trucks
25 out with contractors in them. Like yesterday, we

1 had two. One there at the bridge over Ridge -- to
2 Ridge Road and one where Glenwood and Ridge
3 connect. And -- and then tell us nothing's
4 happened.

5 SPEAKER: Yeah, the -- yeah, I would say
6 that the DOT need to demonstrate that they're --
7 they're honest. They need to be honest with us
8 'cause when this -- this project first came about,
9 they said this interchange was for access to
10 Crabtree Valley Mall. And then everybody was in
11 uproar. And now they're saying well, it's for the
12 Glenwood Avenue traffic. And so they're -- they
13 switched their tactics and --

14 SPEAKER: So DOT asserts that Ridge Road
15 -- no -- that Ridge Road was not a part of the
16 project, but --

17 SPEAKER: No. No, they said that -- they
18 said that this project was to have access behind
19 Crabtree Valley at the -- or behind the mall. And
20 the neighborhood was in an uproar over that. They
21 didn't want a big interchange just to have access
22 for the mall. And now they've changed it to
23 they're doing this 'cause there's traffic on
24 Glenwood Avenue.

25 SPEAKER: Then fender benders.

1 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

2 SPEAKER: Which of course does tie up
3 traffic.

4 SPEAKER: To have the politics of this
5 become more transparent. How do you make that
6 because --

7 SPEAKER: Well I get -- the ad said this
8 project was to -- I guess it was to add access
9 behind the mall is what it was designed -- is what
10 they first said. Not increase -- I guess it's
11 increased access to the mall.

12 SPEAKER: Well, I think -- back in 2011,
13 that's why the city started doing all this stuff
14 was to --

15 SPEAKER: Well, even the first meeting
16 they had in April, they said they were doing this
17 to connect the mall -- to connect behind the mall
18 to have direct access from 440 to the mall.

19 SPEAKER: Oh.

20 SPEAKER: So there's another connection
21 to, but that's not exactly worded -- are you
22 requesting a word to it, but I think our City
23 Council could be doing a lot more, or could deny a
24 lot more. And maybe they will.

25 SPEAKER: So City Council could be

1 invited to work more closely with DOT?

2 SPEAKER: No, [inaudible] --

3 SPEAKER: No, the City of Raleigh can
4 almost control -- it's their -- it's the city's --
5 it's in the city it's -- yeah.

6 SPEAKER: So you're -- and I'm -- I'm not
7 arguing so -- but you're saying that the City
8 Council should assert more authority?

9 SPEAKER: Yes.

10 SPEAKER: Okay.

11 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

12 SPEAKER: And -- and Crabtree Valley
13 Avenue is a city street. It's not -- it's --
14 Glenwood, of course, is DOT, but Crabtree Valley
15 Avenue is a city street.

16 SPEAKER: Okay. So let me see.

17 SPEAKER: I think if the town -- if the
18 city said they didn't want to connect, you know,
19 they -- they would support not doing anything to
20 Ridge Road. I think --

21 SPEAKER: So I'm hearing that Glenwood is
22 a DOT road, but it's impacting city roads?

23 SPEAKER: It's weird how they don't want
24 to say that.

25 SPEAKER: Unfairly -- I'm just trying to

1 understand.

2 SPEAKER: I don't know if that's exactly
3 what he was trying to say.

4 SPEAKER: No? Oh, I didn't know if that
5 is what you were trying to say.

6 SPEAKER: No.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: So DOT and, I guess, Edwards --
9 Edwards Mill is 50 -- is that where US 50 -- both
10 of those are state roads?

11 SPEAKER: Well, Glenwood Avenue is
12 Highway 70.

13 SPEAKER: 70, right.

14 SPEAKER: But Ridge Road and the City of
15 Raleigh are related and --

16 SPEAKER: Oh, Ridge Road, yeah.

17 SPEAKER: So you're thinking that the
18 state roads shouldn't -- so shouldn't be impacting
19 city roads?

20 SPEAKER: I'm just saying the City of
21 Raleigh has a lot more influence, if they want to
22 use it, with DOT.

23 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay.

24 SPEAKER: Yeah.

25 SPEAKER: Right now, they're using it for

1 Crabtree and it -- at the expense of Ridge Road.

2 SPEAKER: I got you. Should assert more
3 authority in --

4 SPEAKER: In protecting neighborhoods.

5 SPEAKER: -- in protecting -- I got you
6 -- roads. Thank you. Okay.

7 SPEAKER: And safety.

8 SPEAKER: Good catch there. Good.

9 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

10 SPEAKER: Good friend.

11 SPEAKER: Is that better?

12 SPEAKER: Sure.

13 SPEAKER: Sure.

14 SPEAKER: What else?

15 SPEAKER: In every -- in every house you
16 can see this picket of showing that the, you know,
17 preserve Ridge Road and so on. I mean, we can see
18 it, you know, almost every house that picket that
19 already indicate that it's --

20 SPEAKER: The signs.

21 SPEAKER: -- it's already, you know, they
22 haven't really demonstrated the partnership with
23 the community. So if they really listen, then
24 those pickets should be pulled down, you know, the
25 number of roads.

1 SPEAKER: Observe the assistance and
2 partner better.

3 SPEAKER: Now, are those last two all the
4 same one? We're still talking about the City
5 Council -- are you talking about the City Council?

6 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

7 SPEAKER: Okay.

8 SPEAKER: The City Council's authority
9 and protecting roads and safety. And then listen
10 to community, observe the resistance and partner
11 better.

12 SPEAKER: City Council wasn't really
13 [inaudible].

14 SPEAKER: Well -- and you were thinking
15 DOT for both -- DOT --

16 SPEAKER: Yeah, both of them.

17 SPEAKER: Well, their job is to build
18 roads.

19 SPEAKER: Yeah, they [inaudible]. The
20 DOT won't.

21 SPEAKER: We have another page?

22 SPEAKER: Yep.

23 SPEAKER: DOT -- yeah, Department of
24 Transportation partnership -- a DOT partnership.
25 Like that. What other considerations should there

1 be in partnerships? What can they do to
2 demonstrate their part in the community of
3 stakeholders? Well, to address some of the issues.
4 What makes you laugh?

5 SPEAKER: Well, that's it, you know?
6 Make us happy.

7 SPEAKER: Make you happy?

8 SPEAKER: Make it snappy, did you say?

9 SPEAKER: Happy. Happy. Make us happy.
10 Make it go away. They have their chicken in every
11 pot.

12 SPEAKER: But that's a good idea.

13 SPEAKER: Listening. They have to
14 listen.

15 SPEAKER: Got you. No, don't put a
16 chicken in every pot. Listen. Good.

17 SPEAKER: Are we done?

18 SPEAKER: I think we're done. Next
19 steps, these comments are going to be pulled
20 together. They're going to pull out themes. The
21 data will be aggregated as the report goes to the
22 engineering groups. That report will also be
23 available on DOT's website. I'm going to tell --

24 SPEAKER: And, you know, she gave us the
25 website address, but they didn't give it to us on

1 the print out. She just had it up there on the
2 screen.

3 SPEAKER: Okay. And I think -- let me
4 see if I have a piece of paper.

5 SPEAKER: I don't have it.

6 SPEAKER: You have it? Well, actually
7 let me look it up. I'll look up right now 'cause I
8 think it's NCDOT.gov, but let me look up slash
9 project. And then you search the project and it's
10 Glenwood 440, but let me -- let's test that theory
11 since we have a minute.

12 SPEAKER: Also, I do need to collect your
13 demographic papers that you filled out.

14 SPEAKER: Oh.

15 SPEAKER: Right. Thank you. Right.
16 This was the -- the -- okay. Thank you. Yeah,
17 that's it. Yes. Got it. All right. The --

18 SPEAKER: NCDOT --

19 SPEAKER: Dot gov.

20 SPEAKER: Dot gov.

21 SPEAKER: Slash projects. And then you
22 do a search and let's see what we find. Glenwood
23 -- excuse my leaning.

24 SPEAKER: Okay. A -- an editorial
25 comment I'll make on what's next. It says the data

1 will be aggravated [sic], report goes to the
2 engineering firms, report will be available on
3 DOT's website. Engineering firms will generate
4 these ideas, but it doesn't say DOT will read the
5 reports.

6 SPEAKER: Thank you.

7 SPEAKER: You are welcome.

8 SPEAKER: Now, it's -- is it -- is
9 Partners for Impact, is that a PR firm?

10 SPEAKER: No. I don't think -- no, no.

11 SPEAKER: What is this? Impact for
12 Partners [sic]?

13 SPEAKER: Yeah.

14 SPEAKER: Yeah.

15 SPEAKER: It's not a PR firm.

16 SPEAKER: Partners for Impact.

17 SPEAKER: Partners -- I -- I'm just a
18 contractor, but they're a service provider. They
19 work primarily, actually, with non-profits and also
20 public agencies.

21 SPEAKER: Uh-huh.

22 SPEAKER: Doing what?

23 SPEAKER: Communications and strategy. I
24 -- but that I don't know.

25 SPEAKER: Organizing -- organizing things

1 like this. I don't know. They've asked other
2 consulting firms, facilitators in the area to help
3 participate with this and that's what we're doing.
4 That's what -- so we're subcontracting with this
5 group.

6 SPEAKER: Oh, who -- who you do you work
7 for?

8 SPEAKER: Raleigh Consulting Group.

9 SPEAKER: Okay. So you're -- so this is
10 consulting company that you --

11 SPEAKER: Yeah, just a --

12 SPEAKER: I'm -- I'm not a -- well, I'm a
13 writer, but that's okay.

14 SPEAKER: Right.

15 SPEAKER: And a very good writer.

16 SPEAKER: Yes, I'm impressed.

17 SPEAKER: Let's see. Hold please.

18 Partner's for Impact about --

19 SPEAKER: Well, I'm going to slip out.
20 Thank you.

21 SPEAKER: Okay. Well, thank you very
22 much.

23 SPEAKER: See you all later.

24 SPEAKER: Thank you very much for coming.
25 And we hope this process has had an impact --

1 SPEAKER: "We help create impact through
2 strengthening the effectiveness of your
3 organization collaborative or code with you to gain
4 maximum impact through system-level thinking,
5 targeted planning, data utilization, innovative
6 programing, intentional communications and skilled
7 facilitation."

8 SPEAKER: Is it okay I can bring one with
9 me?

10 SPEAKER: You can take that with you.
11 You can take the questions with you. That is fine.

12 SPEAKER: I'm going to save one of those.
13 Oh, no definitely. Please hold onto that.

14 SPEAKER: It's less expensive -- they're
15 less needed but they just [inaudible].

16 SPEAKER: Okay. Okay.

17 SPEAKER: This one is [inaudible].

18 SPEAKER: This?

19 SPEAKER: They provided it, yeah.
20 They're really cool.

21 SPEAKER: Yeah.

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